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Steve Field
Chairman, Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority
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Dear Steve:

The Hillside Open Space Education Coalition (HOSEC) has been created by the cities of Brea, La Habra, La Habra Heights and Whittier, and the Hacienda Heights and Rowland Heights Community Associations. The goal is to preserve and acquire open space along the border of Los Angeles and Orange counties.

This remarkably diverse habitat in the center of the Southern California metropolitan area faces encroachment from several development projects. The most imminent threat, on 3,000 acres owned by Aera Energy (a joint venture of Shell/ExxonMobil), would include 3,600 homes and three commercial centers. This development would choke wildlife movement by further isolating the Puente-Chino Hills wildlife corridor, which stretches from Whittier to Chino Hills State Park, from linkage to the Cleveland National Forest.

On April 14, 2004, the HOSEC Steering Committee adopted a process that would allow interested groups to become non-voting Associate or Affiliate members.

Affiliate members would be non-governmental organizations such as community or environmental groups as well as organizations, business associations, individuals or elected officials. Each interested party/group would be required to submit a letter stating that it shares HOSEC's guiding goals and objectives in preserving and protecting hillside open space. A \$150 annual fee would be required.

The HOSEC Steering Committee must approve all applications for memberships. If you are interested in joining HOSEC in the fight to preserve and acquire open space, I urge you to demonstrate your support by becoming a member.

In the coming months, HOSEC will play an active role in helping to educate the public about the pending developments in the Puente/Chino Hills area. It will also be involved in negotiating with Shell/ExxonMobil in seeking public acquisition of this vital open space area.

Your involvement and support is extremely important at this critical time for the activities of the Hillside Open Space Education Coalition. Please consider becoming a member of HOSEC. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Bob Henderson
HOSEC Chair

Encl. (Model resolution)